(i) Panvel-Karjat (28 kilo metre)

(ii) Amravati-Chandurbazar (44 kilo metre)

(b) The details of lines convered to broad gauge in Maharashtra during 9th & 10th Plan are as under:

Section	Kms falling fully/partly in Maharashtra
(i) Solapur-Hotgi-Bijapur	56Kms
(ii) Nagbhir-Chandafort-Ballarshah	122Kms
(iii) Pandharpur-Kurduwali & Latur-Latur Road	94Kms
(iv) Mudkhed-Dharamabad-Nizamabad	62Kms
(v) Adilabad-Kinwat	16Kms
(vi) Gondia-Balaghat	24Kms

(c) No section is targeted for completion during 2005-06. Target for 2006-07 would be known only when the Railway Budget for 2006-07 is presented in Parliament.

World Bank fund for long term investment and development plan

2772. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railway has approached the World Bank for a $150 million (Rs 680 crores) assistance package to fund its long term investment and development plan;

(b) if so, the details of the above said plan; and

(c) the status of World Bank's approval for the funding?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU): (a)and(b) The Government has posed the following three projects to the World Bank for funding:

(i) Procurement of Track Machines (total cost US$41.4 million)

(ii) Procurement of Block Providing by Axle counters on A and B routes (total cost US$ 30 million)

(iii) Procurement of Stainless steel wagons with track friendly bogies (cost US$ 46 million)

(c) World Bank has not conveyed any approval for funding of the projects so far.

Introduction of unigauge in Railway

2723. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce uni-gauge in railway system;

(b) whether it is a fact that the number of accidents in metre gauge (MG) section is higher than broad gauge (BG) section;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the total number of train accidents in the last five years, cause-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RALIWAYS (SHRI R.VELU):

Statement

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(a) Project Unigauge has been taken up for selected conversion of narrow gauge/Metre gauge lines into broad gauge.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Causes of total number of consequential train accidents during the last five years have been as under: